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#### THE DRUM OF LEXINGTON. Reflections for Patriots' Day.

ut yesterday I saw the historic dru-Which William Dimon beat, Upon that fateful far off April morn, ng each winding street. And on the memorable Green of Lexing

ton,
Bidding the patriots come
And face the banded hosts of tyranny. the reveille was a nation born edged to the sacred rights of Liberty

Now 'neath the rays of the same vernal

broods about the Green, But it remembers yet, Girdled with stately elms memorial. The hurtle of the deadly musket ball, And how its sod was wet
With sacrificial blood—the whole sad.

Would that the drum of Lexington Might sound its summoning call. from the rocky coasts of Main

Where Agimenticus, inland, fronts the To where the long trades sweep and swell and fall
Round the Floridian quays!
Aye, sound from Puget, on which Shas-

ta's crown Majestically looks down.
E'en to the borders of that stricken land Beyond the brown coils of the Rio Grande!

Have we grown sleek with sloth Sloughed the old virile spirit, taken on Abasement for a garment? Are we loath To rouse us, and to don The rapt heroic valor once again

Caution and doubt and fear seem subtly Upon us, and inept

Te stumble, falter, palter, and we need the smooth word, but the swift searching deed.

If bleed we must, then rather let us bleed

Than sit inglorious, rich in all the things Save those which honor brings!

Now every slope of our dear land is fair Beneath the azure of the April air: The impatient learn is ready for impatient loam is ready for the But we? Take heed, take heed.
My brothers! And O you, brave wraith
Of dauntlessness and faith.

You, William Dimon, come! Come, sound the old revelle on your

The drum of Lexington,

us all, in steadfast purpose

CLINTON SCOLLARD.

## On the Western Front.

Verdun the issue is still in doubt. General PETAIN, the French comdoubt will attack again. Let each work and watch to obtain the same result as before. On les aura" (We shall get them). But by acting upon shares voted. the defensive the French can never get "them." Unless the Allies undertake a great offensive on the scale of the German operations in the Ver-Switzerland.

The bulletins issued by the French War Office since the first gun was fired in the battle of Verdun could two manganese steel jaws of a Govbe condensed into one sentence of re- ernment vise, one forcing down the lief: "It might be worse." The Ger- possible income, the other forcing up mans have occupied a great deal more the inevitable expenditures of operaterritory than the French took in the Champagne offensive in the latter part of 1915, and the German total road men and railroad owners are in of prisoners is from 10,000 to 15,000 a mood to welcome with eagerness greater than that of the French, and study with heartfelt interest any Still, the Germans have neither taken intelligent plan of relief short of ab-Verdun nor opened a way to Paris on the other side of the Meuse. It has been bad enough for the French, but it might have been worse. In spite The Rose, the Thrush and the Conof the great slaughter on both sides and the capture of nearly 40,000 prisoners by the Germans, Verdun throws no light upon the issue of the war. WILLIAM II. is quoted as having said at a review of a division the other day: "The present war ought to end at Verdun." But nothing can be engaged in the battle. Obviously the Emperor was thinking of a grand victory that would demoralize the Allies, and not of a last offensive against them.

If there is to be a smashing attack anywhere that will end trench wargether for a strategic battle in the where else on the far flung line than the worst of the fighting in that not pass laws offensive to the Con-lowell's definition of sentiment, which, he said, "is intellectualized ability to thwart the German plan stitution:

a mighty cast for victory. Two such offensives synchronously would be mpossible

In the meantime there has been no estimated to be one-fourth of the spite of their great efforts at Verdun seem to be holding their own. Day by day the British losses have signified something more than "nibbling." On April 14 twenty-four officers were killed and 107 wounded, but only a few words that disclosed nothing were devoted to the day's work. The censorship lets no word through that sheds the faintest light on what is going on behind the curtain. Spring is well advanced in that part of France and the ground is hardening for the opportunity of the Allies. They must soon strike with all their resources or be reconciled to a deadlock on the western front as the most favorable issue of the war for themselves. That they will attempt the greatest of their offensives, before may be assumed. On what part of JOFFRE has probably decided and the

German Staff may suspect. As the French have hitherto done Allies it is the turn of KITCHENER'S minor but still costly operations. It is feeling for a weak spot. Any day the die may be cast, when we shall hear of a great thrust at the German line on a Verdun scale.

#### What Shall Be Done for the Rallroads?

Our correspondent "Civitas," whose crystallizes his ideas on the subject into the form of a proposed act of Congress.

"Civitas's" draft of a law appears on this page. We are sure that its length will deter nobody interested the general plan of reform is revolufully studied in its details with reference to Constitutional limitations, and, last but not least, consistent with the actual legislation that now defines the Government's regulation of the banking business through the Federal reserve system.

contemplates a great deal more than by the term "Federal incorporation"; that is to say, the mere transfer of the business of incorporating and the attendant duties and responsibilities from the State capitals to Washington. Our description of it as revolutionary is fully justified by such features as the proposed Government After fifty days of fighting about dividend on the railroad stocks; the limitation of dividends and the enforced application of excess earnings his troops congratulating them upon to extension and improvement; the sion is that a mule has temperament Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel. Reber of emy's assaults: "The Germans no the destruction of proportionate pri- his act of injustice courted punish- ment, failure to observe the restraints

Would the railroads themselves, meaning both majority management and investors, minority as well as dun sector there will be no hope of majority, welcome so radical a even expelling the enemy from his change? That remains to be seen. lines that extend from the sea to Certain it is that in the present chaos of regulation, with the hapless and helpless railroads held as between the tion, it is easily conceivable that rail solute Government ownership.

# stitution.

In New Jersey they are saying that no Democrat is so bold as to enter the primary struggle against the Hon. JAMES E. MARTINE for a seat in the United States Senate. The reason for this phenomenal timidity is easily found: Not only no Democrat, no hu- affect the fact that lads of 13, how made out of this declaration except man being in New Jersey but knows ever well set up and developed physiencouragement to the German troops that the Demosthenes of Plainfield on a "sporting" club platform. could with the artillery of his oratory so encircle a political opponent with liquid fire of eloquence that any constituency would in very pity give sank the Sussex. They may have a Knock Out Jim the decision, the belt liking for the commander. He's an fessor, and the toga with one voice.

Listen to him in the Senate only fare and bring the combatants to- so recently as Friday of last week. when with one volley he withered the open, apparently it must be somecontend, K. O. Jim to the contrary President WILBON. at Verdun. If the French have had notwithstanding, that Congress should

to isolate Verdun and break through "I say I am sorry for them, for I on a wide front preparatory to an wonder, Mr. President, whether the sunadvance on Paris. For a considera- rise and the glorious sunset, with its ble time the intentions of the Germans wondrous colors and its flashes of light, if the generous impulses of the House were only to be conjectured, but the is not robbed of half its delights and of Representatives are realized. It will

be no doubt it was a major operation, strained through their legal lens, con- the largest cratered, and Halcakala, stitutionally focused. I have wondered whether the sparkle of the morning dew, the bloom and blush of the rose, the cheerful chirp of the redbreast robin. ull, but almost constant fighting on and the full voice of the thrush have the front held by the British, now any attractions for them until they have first squared them with the Constitution. whole line. Here the Germans in Mr. President, I feel constrained to exclaim: 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do. Poor old Constitution. What wrongs have been committed in thy name!" .

Listen, we say; listen!

### A Departed Glory of This Town.

One of the beauties of springtime ife in New York is not to be enjoyed by the present generation. The compensating substitute is probably much better suited to the needs of the present day. Yet there are many New Yorkers who will remember with regret the days in which the park drive was a feature of life in the meropolls at this season of the year. There was always brilliancy about

this afternoon turnout of smart equiwhich Loos, Neuve Chapelle and pages which lasted well into June. Champagne will pale in importance. The East Drive is, in the late spring. a more beautiful avenue than any the line it will be launched General other park in the world possesses. It was against this background of flowthe lion's share of the fighting for the seen. Horses were finer and vehicles righteousness of their cause, while armies. Of late the British troops in the world could show. There was that its agreement to give 10 per have been constantly engaged in nothing like the drive in Central Park cent. more for a fifty-four hour week. either in the Bois de Boulogne or while refusing to do so for a forty may be the case that General Haig Hyde Park. It was one of the special eight beauties of out of door life in town.

> trace of this afternoon turnout. The afternoon drive in the park seem a spiritless diversion. With the autonobile it is possible to travel far out into the country and be home again the age of the automobile has sucreeded the leisurely hour in which the beauty of nature used to be en-Joyed by those who took part in the park drive of former years.

#### Preparedness and Efficiency Approved.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals has just said in so many words that a mule has rights. That State has fewer of the tribe than Missouri, but still enough to give weight to its dictum on the mule.

To some folks who have been fam basting him and then getting mad because he struck back, this will be something of a surprise. They have always looked upon him as a burden bearer and considered kicks and cuffs as a part of his fardels. Except in It will be observed that this scheme harness and draws kings and princes. his mission is lowly. Even in war, where he has been especially in demand, his usefulness has been questioned. But it has been noted that when an army wagon sticks in a hole nothing can yank it out like a mule

A darky and a mule will get along on a plane of comradeship for the lifetime of either; but some white thy motive." mule struck back harder. The in vice. Can there be any doubt of it and spunk and that the man by rehis post as chief for, to quote from
Mr. Baken's statement, "disrespect to maining within the danger zone after vate ownership control by the estab- ment. The mule, both prepared and imposed by law with regard to the lishment of a new scale of value for efficient, administered it. The argument seems good and the decision

> And now we have started in to hold the whole world to strict accountability.

Every real "cause" must have its "slogan," and "taxation through misill, are sternly informed by President federation will fight to the bitter end for passage of the bill as it stands.

Mrs. ELLEN FRENCH ALDRICH of Sanelle, Cal., is politically "coy and hard of that city but will decline the office as it "is too high and too dignified" to allow her to "mingle with the peo ole." Mrs. Albrich has been misinformed. In politics a "good mixer is freed from the obligation to mix

Probably the boy , whose participaion in a "three round preliminary" at a "sporting club" in Brooklyn led to the arrest of two officials of the club could "take on" half a dozen of the tempt to abolish its use in the court gentlemen who protested against the room 'cruelty." in one ring at one time. and drub them all. This doesn't

habit of capturing the U boat that artist.

America will have forgotten her tra ditions whenever upon any occasion she fights merely for herself under such circumstances as will show that she has forgotten to fight for all mankind .--

emotion, emotion precipitated, as i were, in pretty crystals by the fancy.

fighting about Verdun developed on beauty to them as the softened rays of scribed as the only continuously acsuch a colossal scale that there could that great orb come to their eyes, tive volcano in the world; Maunaloa,

the most spectacular. And Hawaiians we suppose, would travel thousands of miles to see an American party convention in eruption or one of our civic forums in full blast.

Yale football players will, it is said wear identifying numbers next fall. No Eli back will be comfortable under blue Jersey marked with a big

"For pigs," said Neighbor Janssen when Neighbor Cohan complained to the Great Neck Board of Health about the singing of Mr. JANSSEN'S orcine pets, "I didn't raise my boy to be a pork chop" and "If you don't love your Uncle Butcher," "for pigs they behave very well." From their observations of life on Broadway, Mr. above such qualifications as "for pigs." Would Mr. COHAN wish the porkers f Great Neck to model their behavior upon the pattern of the Great White Way?

Under War Secretary TENNANT paid a warm tribute to the gallant conduct of the army shut up in Kut.—London despatch.

If Mr. TENNANT doesn't have a care his stock of warm tributes will run out before the British do something worth praising in Mesopotamia.

dustrial plant at Harrison, N. J.; will ering shrubs that the elegant pageant let their wives and children go hungry of the city's social life was to be and shoeless, in demonstration of the more elaborate than any other park trying to convince the company, which recently granted them a wage increase. ground that shorter hours would prevent filling of the contracts out But there is to be seen now no which the wages come, is an unjust measurement of the contributions preponderating motor has made the made by capital and by labor to the success of the enterprise. The first and greatest gainers by such methods are the saloon keepers.

within the time that was allotted to terday in The Sun attributed the ni-the progress through the park. So trates plant amendment to the army Senator SMITH of Georgia. Senator Smith of South Carolina is

> The undergraduates of the College of the City of New York petition for a library "where students may chat and smoke and recreate themselves in gentle social relaxation"; "where we also can clasp hands with the man across the table." What the frank young gentlemen really seem to be yearning for is not a library but a

for recreation, hospitality and extra food -The Smith College statistician. Too much; what ails the college

men who entertain the college girls?

and in so many places that the report was the wounded bandit buried near Spain, where he wears silver mounted San Francisco Borja is an insuit to

> Poor old Uncle Sam! He's trying o hard to love his enemies.

the Army Aviation Section of the Signal Corps announced by Secretary statement Mr. BAKER gives out he says that the conduct of the volved does not disclose "any unwor-There has been no men naturally enjoy laughing at a charge of dishonesty against them, mule and giving him provocation to but the Congressional investigation into court. He struck a mule and the ized, have shown not only an inadewhich was proposed would, if author quate but a demoralized aviation serference to be drawn from the deci- when the Secretary's order relieves a coordinate branch of the Govern personnel and pay of members of the aviation section, and for lack of business method with regard to the property of the Government in discarded machines." Colonel REBER is also admonished

for lack of loyalty to his superior officer. General George B. Scriven. Chief of the Army Signal Corps. Then there was the court-martial of Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis E. Goodier Judge Advocate of the Western De representation" may be adopted by the partment, whose friends regard him chool teachers of this city who, after as a scapegoat. General Scriven, who coting in the ratio approximately of has always had an excellent record 0 to 7 against the proposed pension is censured for not maintaining discipline and apparently for not knowing Grace C. Strachan of the Federation what was going on. Exactly why Teachers Associations that the Secretary BAKER extenuates what has happened and finds the aviation work of the army so excellent, it is difficult to understand. As a matter of fact, the management of the section could not possibly have produced sat to please." She has been elected Mayor isfactory results, and it is to be regretted that a Congressional investigation was not ordered.

## GEORGIA'S SHAME.

#### The Honorable and Honorary Title of Colonel Held in Light Regard.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: One past are wiped away.

The latest sacrilege is to laugh at the

This may do for the unromantic, un poetic South, but all lovers of art and beauty will hope that the dastard hand will be stayed ere it reaches the æsthetic North, where military titles are wor-shipped with an adoration that is mar-

In Massachusetts and Connecticut, two States renowned for their culture, refinement, learning and wit, the title of Colonel is looked up to with almost as envious an eye as the title of Pre

In fact, the demand is so great for eal military titles that the Second Company Governor's Foot Guards of New Haven has nearly done away with privates. It is also said, but perhaps through jealousy, that the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Bos ton has more officers than it really needs

JAMES D. DEWELL, Jr. SAVANNAH, Ga., April 15. To the Seagoer.

Wave a salute to France for me as you pass her sunny shores, Greet Land's End with a cheer or two and the dismal English moors, in the song the soldlers sing to a spot in Erin's isle; keep your heart in the U. S. A., and

LOUISVILLE FORECASTS. Defence of Colonel Watterson as

Political Prophet. THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Jo "the lurid predictions of the veteran

He sees spooks whenever a Presidential election draws near. His vision of 1892, in regard to the awful fate of the Democratic party if it ventured to nominate Grover Cleveland for a third time, is quite familiar. In May of that year the Kentucky Democratic convention chose a solid Cleveland delegation to the national that action Colonel Watterson stood up before it and declared that if Cleveland were nominated the party would "walk through a slaughter house to an open

"Immediately following" the tion the Democratic State convention of May, 1892, elected Mr. Watterson by acclamation to head the Kentucky delega-tion in the national convention; over that national convention; over that national convention Mr. Watter-son's nominee, W. C. Owens of Kentucky, was chosen to preside as temporary chairman; and from the floor of that convention Mr. Watterson, opposing the report of its platform committee, ob-tained a two-thirds vote setting it aside in favor of a substitute tariff resolution prepared by himself and offered by Mr. Neal of Ohio.

It was the opinion of the well informed in the spring of 1892 that owing to the division in New York Mr. Cleveland could not carry the Empire State and therefore could not be elected. In the late summer the Homestead riots came about; within a week the labor unions were transferred bodily from the Repuband swept the country. day to this whenever a critic has wanted to say something saucy to or about "the veteran editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal" he has had recourse to "the slaughter house and the open grave," the fore and since have held true. I say "seemed," for in 1896 both came duly

That a single epigram should be remembered and serve as a text during twenty-four years is itself some tribute to a prophet. Mr. Watterson has lately perpetrated two other epigrams which these reads as follows: ution and Lincoln to save the Union what have Gary, Bacon, Root & Co-raised up Roosevelt for?" The other is The other is may two Belshazzar's feasts be expected

G. E. JOHNSON, Of the Courier-Journal staff. Louisville, Ky., April 15.

#### ON THE OLD BOWERY. lay Days on a Thoroughfare of II lustrious History.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The W." carried me back in memory to residence there from 1878 to

I came from Missouri in 1878, and for five years occupied a room opposite the Bowery Theatre, as it was called then. My father had been in business in that he story of Kirby, the Bowery Theatre all other railroads in the States of Dela-avorite, and how the boys—when the ware, Maryland, Virginia, North Caroavorite, and how the boys—when the ware, Mar urrent playing did not satisfy—would lina, Sout ry out, "Wake me up when Kirby Alabama,

Theatre, and saw "Mazeppa": I can district.
picture the scene now, as the voluptuous The

feet up the back of the stage. But "John S. W." has his d not see "Mazeppa" at this theatre. The and Washington not controlled by an old Bowery changed owners about 1880 railroad system in another Federal railroad system in another Federal railroad system. or thereabout and became the German road district. Amberg and Heinrich Conried, with such members in the stock company as Cot-cific Railroad system, the Southern Patrelly, Max Lube, Adolphi, Carl Hauser, roads in the States of Iowa, Nebraska. and others now forgotten.

The Bowery was a live retail street in those days, and was crowded in the evening with shoppers as well as with pleasure seekens. And what crowded shopping streets were Canal and Grand streets from the Bowery east! The old Bowery-or Thalia-Theatre

pany), and so is the Atlantic Garden. lately saved from auction disposal, and now to be remodelled as a r house. The opposite side of with its theatre and various cafés and restaurants (famous in the '80s and individuals in each district shall und their seals make an organization certificity of their seals make an organization certification. slowly!) into a bridge plaza. F. W. K.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., April 18.

Hource could not be higher if THE SUN itself! mber it's a land worth while. MORRIS RATMOND.

FEDERAL INCORPORATION.

Plan for a Thoroughgoing Regulation of the Railroads by the Central Government-Form of Law to Put Into Effect the Suggestions of "Civitas."

give below the form of a proposed act of Congress carrying out my tion of Federal incorporation; directors named by a Federal Railroad Board; prohibition of State regulation; 3 per cent, on the capital stock to be guaranteed by the Government, with a possible extra 3 per cent, to the stockholders if earned; all over 6 per cent. to go to the Government. The kernel of this proposed act is to have a Federal Railroad Board substituted for the present inside coteries which dominate our railroads. The stockholders are at present merely ballast in the hold. This control is now in the hands of whoever happens to be in or manages to break in, and the result is conlict, confusion and chaos. Now that the railroads are clamoring for Federal charters an opportunity occurs to to public control. That opportunity and the railroads themselves. roposed act is as follows:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISH-TO ESTABLISH A MORE EFFECTIVE SU-

Section 1-Wherever the words "Fedral railroad company" are used in ganized under this act as herein pro-The words "Federal Railroad Board"

mean the board of six members herein used in this act shall be construed to be the head, at the seat of Government, of

Department of Railroads, said head be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-ate. Said appointee shall receive a sal-ary of \$12,000 per annum and his term nd tenure of office shall be uniform with PEDERAL PAULEDAD DISTRICTS

Sec. 2-Continental United States, ex

hall include the New York, New Haven Hartford Railroad system and all the

nity in the 50s, and up to 1865, include the Southern Railroad system in he went west. He had often told and Illinois Central Railroad system and current playing did not satisfy—would cry out, "Wake me up when Kirby dies," which climax seems to have been Kirby's strong play.

Naturally I attended the Bowery Theorems of Columbia not controlled by any rail-road system in another Federal railroad.

The Northwestern railroad district shall include the Chicago, Milwaukee and picture the scene now, as the voluptious heroine, in white tights, strapped across the back of a white horse (did she wear a red wig?) slowly ascended the perilous, zigzag course up the mountain pass out of sight into the flies, thirty pass out of sight into the flies, thirty other registrance of the stage of the stage.

The Northwestern railroad district shall include the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad system, the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad system, the pass out of sight into the flies, thirty of the stage of the st

William Kramer, who owned ining Atlantic Garden, was the her, and the managers were system, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa relly, Max Lube, Adolphi, Carl Hauser, and others now forzotten.

Opposite the old Bowery was the German Stadt Theater, which about the same time became the Windsor Theatre.

Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and California not controlled by any railroad system in

FEDERAL RAILROAD COMPANIES.

Sec. 3—The Federal Railroad Board directed to sign the name of the United States of America to a guaranty to that effect on the face of the certificates of shall supervise the organization in each of the said districts of a Federal railch district selected by the Federal silviduals in cancelled when the certificates to be called by transfer), the form of said silviduals in each district shall under it seals make an organization.

The United State commissions hounding the roads: Interstate Commerce Concelled by transfer), the form of said guaranty to be as follows:

The United State commissions hounding the roads: Interstate Commerce Concelled by transfer). road company by nine individuals ach district selected by cate which shall specifically state the name of such Federal railroad comthe territory and extent of the ONE ISSUE SETTLED.

The Atlantic Ocean Separates Two

(\$2,000), and the number of shares into Territories of Literary "Taste."

To the Editor of the continental of the continent of the c To the Edition of The Sun—Sir; The spacious symposium of the continental army of novelists which you gave on Saturday settled this international issue beyond dispute. It showed it to be all a question of taste, and therefore indisputable.

Indeed, the symposium contained a wonderful assortment of strongly developed tastes of many qualities. Wherever you dipped you drew a prize—of one quality or another. You might get a fine ringing sentiment like this from "Amelie Rives";

The flag of the spirit is not only at half mast, it is down in the dust.

Indeed, the symposium contained a wonderful assortment of strongly developed tastes of many qualities. Wherever you dipped you drew a prize—of cates with the Secretary of Railroads, who shall file, record and preserve the same in his office. Upon the filing of such certificates of stock the price at which they were originally issued.

Sec. 8—The United States of America shall pay to the holders of said the replied that the first step was of the replied that the first step was

The flag of the spirit is not only at half mast, it is down in the dust.

Or you might get a piece of this quality from the authoress of "American Wives and English Husbands":

The dreadful little bounders May Sinciair draws so admirably may be the Englishmen of the future—all the others Hritish emigrant, "Pelham Grenville Wodehouse":

The whole difference between the mental outlook of the writers of the two countries lies in the fact that in America people buy books, while in England they borrow them from a circulating library.

The exponent of this view of the relation of art to the dollar will doubtless be proud to be hitched up, in a speculative thought, with his compatitor "Charlie Chaplin." He will permit us to wonder whether Mr. "Chaplin" would be as ready to ascribe his artistic outlook to the stimulating effect of increased earnings. If so, we may surely look now for films of surpassing Chaplinesque genius.

New York, April 18.

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: Bed
"It Shines for All."

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and disbursements) connected with or defected with the Treasurer of the United States business may be conducted, and the plant may be eating the mational banks, and may be deposited business may be econducted, and the scheress such to carry out the purposes of this act.

Second—To acquire, hold and exercise in mational banks, and may be deposited business may be conducted, and the powers as shall be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

Second—To acquire, hold and exercise in mational banks, and may be deposited business may be deposited to acquire, and the Act of Congress of May 20, 1908, attractions, as security for adaptive for any out the purposes of this act.

Second—To acquire, hold and exercise in mational banking the national banking the Act of Congress of June 25, 1910, to activate the purposes of the security for adaptive for any or all of the shares of the shares of the Act of Congress of June 25, 1910, to activational banking the national banking the heational banking the heational banking the Act of Congress of June 25, 1910, to activate the purposes of the act of the mational banking the heational banking the heational banking the Act of Congress of June 25, 1910, to activate the purpos To the Editor of the Sun—Sir; Bedtime reading of a recent evening brought to light a complete sentence, "It shines for all," in Emerson's "Over Soul." The source could not be higher if it were The Sun itself!

BUFFALO, April 18.

Sec. 10—The Federal ratiroad companies shall proceed with all reasonable despatch to acquire sufficient of the outstanding capital stock of the Pennsylvania, New York Central, Illinois Central, companies of railroad stock, bends or other obligations already issued or hereafter to be issued by railroad companies within

its district (including the issue of Federal railroad company stock, to provide money to enable any railroad com-pany in its district to pay or purchase outstanding obligations or past or future improvements, equipment or extensions, stock of such railroad company being issued to the Federal railroad company in consideration of TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I such money), as may be determined by its board of directors; also to exercise the power, which is hereby given to it, of eminent domain, to acquire any shares Railroads and the remaining of the capital stock of any and all rail-

road corporations within its district or to acquire any railroads themselves or railroad property or property for railunder judicial process, and the United States District Court or courts of the district wherein such stock or property is located shall have jurisdiction of proceedings for such condemnation. The practice, pleadings, forms and modes of proceedings in causes exists, under the proceedings in causes arising under the provisions of this act shall conform, as near as may be, to the practice, pleadings, forms and proceedings existing at the time in like causes in the courts of record of the State within which such said board shall be ineligible. change the control from inside cliques to court to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Third—To vote its own holdings of

to public control. That opportunity may never occur again. I assert that public control by a Federal Railroad Board is not only logical but is better for the stockholders, the public proxies by the Federal railroad company for directors in said railroad cor-poration or corporations shall be limited to persons who shall have resided within the district for at least nine months in ten years, and thereafter each me tion, and have been actively engaged during said five years in the district in the

Profession.
Sec. 4—At least six members of the board of directors of each Federal rail-road company shall for at least nine months of each of the preceding two years have resided in the district in which he is chosen director. No Sen ator or Representative in Congress shall be an officer or director of a Federal railroad company. No director of a Federal railroad company shall be an road company. Any director of any Federal railroad company may be redirectors of each Federal railroad company shall consist of nine members, all of whom shall be designated by the Federal Railroad Board. In each year after such designations have been made notice thereof shall be sent to all of the stockholders of record and said stockholders by a majority of the aggregate own as New EngCentral railroad district, district and Cenistrict.
railroad district, railroad district, railroad district and Cenistrict.
railroad district owner of ten shares or less shall have one vote; the owner of from ten to and including forty-nine shares shall have two votes; shire. Vermont, Massachusetts. Rhode Island and Connecticut not confrolled by any railroad system in another Federal shares shall have four votes; the owner The Central railroad district shall institute the Pennsylvania Railroad system. New York Central Railroad system. Erie open to public inspection. New York Central Railroad system, Erie Railroad system, Ballimore and Ohio Railroad system, Ballimore and Ohio Railroad system, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad system and all other railroads in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvana, New Jersey and New York not controlled by any railroad to as the board of directors may develope the public regarding its operations and open to public inspection. Vacancies open to public regarding its operations and open to public regarding its operations of each Federal railroad company shall be filled by the Federal Railroad Board. The directors of each Federal railroad company shall receive such compensation and open to public regarding its operations and open to public regarding its operations and open to public regarding its open t as the board of directors may de-nine in advance in each instance, and service as Congress has a lect to the approval of the Federal regulate under the Constitution oad Board The board of directors th Federal railroad company shall first meeting (after its first board es from office) designate three diors to serve one year from the next day of January, and three for two years, and three for three years, and thereafter all directors shall hold office after the approval thereof for three years. Each Federal railroad eral Railroad Board, which company shall every three months make also first approve the use to ill report of its operations to the such stock and the terms of the House of Representatives. All financial operations of exhall cause the same to be printed eral railroad company shall be a full report of its operations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives,

STOCK ISSUES AND GUARANTY OF DIVI-

The capital stock of each Fed. railroad company shall be divided hares of ten dollars each. The outstock of any Federal railroad company shall have been increased, the board of certificate to the Secretary of Railroads Railroad (13 U. S. Stat. 361; showing the increase of capital stock. Stat. 491) he will find that il. The shares shall be represented by cer. Government appointed five of

see 7—The United States Govern-Charles Francis Adams, Freder per cent dividends on the shares of and served. Similar men of the several Federal rail- glad to serve under the about road companies and the Secretary of posed act. Compare that the Treasury is hereby authorized and present.

guarantees to the record holder of this certificate of stock the payment by the Pederal railroad company issuing the same 3 per cent, annual dividends on the shares of the capital stock represented by this certificate payable semi-annually on the first days

ciair draws so admirably may be the Englishmen of the future—all the others having been killed off.

The relative proportion at least of the classes in Great Britain will scarcely be altered by the casualty lists.

Again, you might bring up a gem of this humor from a more or less recent British emigrant, "Pelham Grenville Wodehouse":

| Aw: to make contracts: to sue and to be sued in any court of law or equity; to appoint by its board of directors such officers and employees as are not other, wise provided for in this act, to define their duties, require bonds of them and fix the penalty thereof, and to dismiss at pleasure such officers or employees; to prescribe by its board of directors with law, regulation, the prescribe by its board of directors with law, regulating the prescribe by its poard of directors.

The relative proportion at least of the such shares may be transferred to and deposited with the Treasurer of the Laited States in lieu of United States in lieu of United States in their duties, require bonds of them and fix the penalty thereof, and to dismiss at pleasure such officers or employees; to prescribe by its board of directors with the Treasurer of the United States in lieu of United States in their duties, require bonds of them and fix the penalty thereof, and to dismiss at pleasure such officers or employees; to prescribe by its board of directors with the Treasurer of the United States in lieu of United States in their duties, require bonds of them and deposited with the Treasurer of the United States in lieu of United State railroad companies or any or taken, and such shares may be transferred to and deposited with the Treasurer of the United States in lieu of United States were and all of the law were all the law were and all of the law were and all of the law were and all of the law were all the law were a

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least one of said five members s a person experienced in the m to serve for two years, one so appointed shall serve for a during said five years in the district in shall occur, whether by expiration the dustrial pursuit, or in the practice of a dustrial pursuit, or in the practice of a members of the Federal Railroad Elements of the Federal Railroad E a successor shall be appointed President shall have power to fil Senate by granting commissions while session of the Senate convenes five members thus appointed. be designated by the ernor and one as Vice-Governor of the Federal Railroad Board. The Governor of the Federal Railroad Board its supervision, shall be the ac executive officer. members at a meeting duly constitute a quorum and a majority

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"The Philadelphia Idea."

NEW YORK, April 18.

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> To Tedds . We may hurl bitter words a can).

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